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                                                              Docket No. 16497.43

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of   )
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          T. Daniel Gross, et al.   )
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Filed: December 21, 2001   )
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For: SUTURE TRIMMER   )
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Examiner: Diane D. Yabut   )
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TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "I"
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME

VIA *e*FILE RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

     This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

A.   <u>Enclosed</u>

       <u>X</u>   RCE Transmittal

       <u>X</u>   An Amendment "I" and Response for entry in the present application.

       <u>X</u>   To render this RCE and Amendment timely filed, enclosed is the following:

           <u>X</u>   Petition for a one (1)-Month Extension of Time.

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B. <u>Payments</u>

  <u>X</u> E-filer with RAM will be used for submission of payment in the amount of $940.00 to cover the following fees:

    <u>X</u> the $810.00 RCE filing fee pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(e); and

    <u>X</u> the $130.00 petition fee for the 1-month extension of time.

  <u>X</u> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

    <u>X</u> Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.

    <u>X</u> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17.

    <u>X</u> Any post-issuance fees under 37 CFR 1.20.

  <u>X</u> If any additional extension of time is required, which has not otherwise been requested, please consider this a petition under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the reply period for this communication and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

  Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

  Dated this 23rd day of April, 2009.

        Respectfully submitted,

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